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SUBJ: VOPO'S PATROLS AT EMBASSY

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1. FOLLOWING THE EMBASSY'S TELEPHONE CALL TO MFA REPORTED REFTEL, THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE MOVEMENT OF VOPOS FROM IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING. IN THE COURSE OF THE PAST WEEK HOWEVER, TWO VOPOS APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN REPOSITIONED ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE EMBASSY MAIN ENTRANCE. AT NOON FEBRUARY 11, ONE VOPO HAD RECROSSED THE STREET AND WAS STANDING AT ONE CORNER OF THE CHANCERY, ABOUT HALF A BLOCK FROM THE MAIN ENTRANCE. THE OTHER REMAINS ACROSS THE STREET WHERE HE PATROLS THE ONE BLOCK DISTANCE.

2. FOR THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS, OFFICERS IN OUR CONSULAR SECTION HAVE BEEN ASKING THEIR CLIENTS WHETHER THEY HAVE BEEN HINDERED BY THE POLICE IN ENTERING THE EMBASSY AND TO TELEPHONE US IF THEY ARE QUESTIONED AFTER THEY LEAVE. NONE OF THE VISITORS HAVE REPORTED ANY HINDRANCE ON ENTERING AND NO PHONE CALLS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THEM AFTER THEY HAVE LEFT.

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3. DURING THE PAST WEEK, WE HAVE OBSERVED THE VOPOS TALKING TO INDIVIDUAL POEPLE ONLY OCCASIONALLY AND THEY HAVE APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN GIVING DIRECTIONS ON REQUEST BY AN INDIVIDUAL TO DO SO. THESE CONTACTS HAVE OCCURRED MAINLY WHILE THE VOPOS WERE BOTH LOCATED ACROSS THE STREET. ON THE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 9, THE VOPOS OBSERVED FROM ACROSS THE STREET, BUT DID NOT

INTERFERE WITH, A GROUP OF SIX GDR TEENAGERS TAKING PHOTOS OUTSIDE THE CHANCERY. THE TEENAGERS DID NOT TRY TO COME INTO THE EMBASSY.

4. AT PRESENT, WE ARE REASONABLY SURE THAT THE VOPOS ARE NOT INTERFERING WITH VISITORS TO THE EMBASSY AND THAT THEY INTEND TO STAY AT SUITABLE DISTANCE FROM THE CHANCERY MAIN ENTRANCE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION HOWEVER AND WILL BRING THE MATTER TO MFA'S ATTENTION IF IT PROVES NECESSARY TO DO SO.POLANSKY

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